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UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO RANKS AMONG TOP SCHOOLS IN THE WEST

The University of San Diego ranked fourth on the list of top regional colleges in the West and was the only college or university in San Diego in the top ten.

This according to a study of 1,374 four-year schools released by U.S. News and World Report in its October 15 issue. The issue is available on newstands today. The annual survey report is titled "America's Best Colleges."

The University of San Diego ranked fourth in the West behind Trinity University, Santa Clara University and the University of Puget Sound.

"USD's commitment to teaching, its values-oriented education and efforts at maintaining small class sizes are the standards by which we measure ourselves. These ideals have gone unchanged since our inception and apparently students, parents and alumni across the country feel that we are answering their educational needs," stated USD President Author Hughes.

A school's overall ranking was determined by the school's selectivity of the student body, the degree to

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which it financially supports a high quality, full time faculty; its overall financial resources; and the level of student satisfaction.

"The University of San Diego's ranking in this survey is significant in light of its relative youth," commented President Hughes. USD was created out of a merger in 1972, involving the Women's College, founded by the Religious of the Sacred Heart, and the Men's College, which was founded by the Catholic Diocese.

Besides its emphasis upon the traditional liberal arts, USD is well known for its School of Law and state-of-the-art Legal Research Center, and its Schools of Business, Nursing, and Education.

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